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TODAY'S WORSHIP SONG

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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SUNDAY CLASS STUDY

CHRISTIANS CAN NEVER GAMBLE

Text: Romans 6:19-22

Introduction: Paul mentions the concept of holiness twice in this passage. Holiness is the product of living a righteous life. It contrasts the old-man who yields his body to uncleanness, producing iniquity. Second, holiness is characteristic of the new man, who has been created anew in Christ. Christians are to have their "fruit unto holiness," verse 22 tells us. Holiness, at least in this context, isn't so much a way of living itself as it is a result of righteous living. That is to say that when we live righteously or do righteousness (as John tells us to do, 1 John 3:7), the result of that righteous living is holiness. If this explanation is true, then it is right to say that Christians don't gamble because gambling is not holiness.

1. Covetousness and love of money motivate gambling (Luke 12:15; 1 Tim 6:9-10) - When you look at a gambler's heart, the driving force is covetousness and the love of money which are evil before the Lord. According to God's word, it is a sin to desire to reap where you did not sow. Unfortunately, gamblers don't realize that the promise of wealth is just bait to lure them into the pit of poverty, want, and depression. According to reports, 60-75% of Nigerian youths gamble and are promised millionaires in pay-off, thereby ripping them off. No wonder, in 2022 alone, gambling industries in Nigeria raked in 27.88 Billion Naira. This is the reason why it is correct to conclude that gambling is not something a Christian should engage in.

2. Gambling robs the old, poor, mentally unstable, and you (Prov 22:22; Amos 8:4,7) - Though the youths are the most vulnerable in Nigeria, gambling has no age bracket. Both the old and

young fall victim to the dark hole of gambling. Where do they get the money to gamble? Hard-earned money, selling of personal effects, monetary gifts, and sometimes, stealing. The reason why they continue to lose money is that gambling is addictive and quickly enslaves gamblers. The constant belief that playing tomorrow's game will be better will continuously lure them to the dark hole of lostness. Therefore, considering this new revelation on gambling, it is safe to say that gambling robs the most vulnerable of our society.

3. Gambling promotes lying and deception (Prov 20:17) – The phrase, "gamble responsibly" is a deception perpetrated by the gambling industry in collaboration with the government. This phrase alone points to the fact that gambling is evil. However, because the gambling industry pay huge taxes to the government, they allow the industry to grow and multiply. This is why they are stronger every day to keep dominating the vulnerable. Because of the tremendous growth of the gambling industries, more and more people become pathological gamblers and suffer from a variety of financial, physical, and emotional problems, including divorce, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and a range of problems stemming from the severe financial hardship that commonly results from problem and pathological gambling.



HOW TO CONNECT BETTER WITH PASTOR SAM

Is communicating with Pastor Sam Adeosun is an impossible task? No! It is not. The challenge most people have is that they don't understand the enormous task before the

servant of God each day. Imagine wanting to attend to hundreds of people daily. Only God can minister to billions of people even at the same time. However, to have better communication with Pastor Sam, kindly do the following ways:

1. Call Pastor Sam's office number +234 816 874 5915, OR

2. Register on our Website: SamOlogo.com.ng

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Note: *Though it is a good thing to help your friends, neighbors, and relatives when they are in problem. However, that it is not helpful to us to give any of our numbers to them when they have issues. It will be beneficial to them if you rather introduce our ministry to them long before the days of evil so that they will not be looking for any fire-brigade approach during emergency. Thanks.*

DEVOTION TODAY With Pastor Christie



Monday's Path: Rom. 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

PathWay: Anne Steele had suffered several tragedies. When she was

just three, her mother died. Then when 19, a severe hip injury made her a lifelong invalid. At age 21, her fiancé drowned the day before they were to be married. It would have been easy for her to become bitter, but she turned her experiences into opportunities to praise God, writing more than 100 hymns. Seeking to give Him glory, she often remained anonymous, writing under a pen name. One of her most popular hymns, "There Is a God," describes how real He was to her. He is real and understand your situation more than you do.

*O Lord, open my eyes to see the wonders of creation in Jesus' name

Tuesday's Path: Rom. 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

PathWay: God has prepared "riches" for you! Here, Paul specifically spoke of the riches of kindness, restraint, and patience. But these are just some of the riches He promises. Elsewhere, Paul reminded us that "God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19). He prayed that we would know "what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" (Eph 1:18). What glorious promises! Allow God to search your heart and mind. Do you really believe He has prepared riches for you?

*O Lord, by faith I receive Your riches in Jesus' name.

Wednesday's Path: Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

PathWay: A well-known quote declares, "History is written by victors." The meaning? What we know about the past is influenced by those who win the battles. We remember their accounts while ignoring the losers. The Bible teaches a distinct perspective. We are reminded that failure can play a vital role in our journey of faith. This can be a spiritual necessity. The Bible is filled with examples of people who could be considered failures. But we see how God used their failures and flaws to teach them important lessons and allow them to grow spiritually.

*O Lord, You know everything about me. I confess how much I need you right now in Jesus' name

Thursday's Path: Rom. 5:20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

PathWay: How often do believers feel defeated and discouraged?

Even the best of us falls short. Like Paul, we can find it hard to do what we want but easy to practice what we don't want (Rom 7:19). We can be like Peter, making bold promises but then saying or doing things we regret (Matt 26:35). Sin can seem to weigh us down like an obstacle we never can overcome. But the Bible reminds us that God is ready to forgive and cleanse us. We just need to confess those sins and trust Him (1 Jn 1:9).

*O Lord, reveal the presence of sin in my life.

Friday's Path: Rom. 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

PathWay: Many Christians fail to experience the fullness God offers. They may go to church, pray, and read their Bibles but still feel discouraged and frustrated. They haven't received the fulfillment of the promises they read and feel like they are missing something. Some feel trapped by their heritage and habits or the influences they experience in the world. Many become content with a status quo attitude, going along with the stereotypes encouraged in the media. They can't seem to believe that God's promises really are true for them. They fail to realize that the resurrection of Jesus means that we can walk in the newness of life.

*O Lord, I am not content with a status-quo faith. Help me walk in the newness of life in Jesus' name.

Saturday's Path: Rom. 6:19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

PathWay: As Paul knew, we all have unique vocabularies. Our words can be influenced by many things—social context, song lyrics and news stories, social media and conversations, and interactions with others. Our unique experiences and relationships help shape the words we use and what has meaning to us. As this background reminds us, it can be easy to be influenced by the biases of others. We can accept what might sound believable or go along with what seems popular. As a result, Paul chose his words carefully. Sensitive to his audience, he used words with a clear meaning that communicated the Gospel with maximum clarity. As you interact with others, learn from Paul's insights.

*O Lord, help me share my testimony with words that clearly others in Jesus' name.